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SUBJECT: UN OUTER SPACE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMM-
ITTEE: POSSIBLE WORLD CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE; EXAMINA-
TION OF S & T ASPECTS OF THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT; AND
COORDINATION OF OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM

1. SUMMARY: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE SESSIONS
FEBRUARY 22, 23, AND 24 DEALING WITH SUBJECT TOPICS WERE
RELATIVELY BRIEF AND NO MAJOR CONTENTIOUS ITEMS AROSE,
WITH EXCEPTION OF GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT DEBATE.

2. AFTERNOON SESSION FEBRUARY 22 ADDRESSED UN APPLICATIONS
PROGRAM. H.G.S. MURTHY, UN EXPERT IN CHARGE OF SPACE
APPLICATIONS, SUBMITTED REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS
DURING PREVIOUS YEAR. USSR TOOK AGENDA SUBJECT AS OPPOR-
TUNITY TO REVIEW IN SOME DETAIL DEVELOPING APPLICATIONS
ELEMENTS (PROGRAMS) IN SOVIET SPACE PROGRAM AND TO NOTE
USSR HOSTING MEETINGS FROM TIME TO TIME TO AID DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN TRAINING TO USE SPACE TECHNOLOGY. PAKISTAN,
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INDIA, ECUADOR, BELGIUM AND SWEDEN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT UN
APPLICATIONS PROGRAM SHOULD RECEIVE MORE THAN CURRENT
LEVEL FUNDING (\$110,000 PER ANNUM). JAPAN ANNOUNCED PLANS
TO HOST REMOTE SENSING SYMPOSIUM IN THE 1979-80 TIME FRAME.
ECUADOR SUGGESTED CLOSER LIAISON BETWEEN UNDP AND APPLICA-
TIONS PROGRAM MIGHT PROVIDE SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING.
CHAIRMAL (CARVER OF AUSTRALIA) CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY

SUGGESTING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT NOTE THE OUTSTANDING WORK BEING DONE AND THE GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THE VIEW THAT IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED. DISCUSSION HAS BEEN CONCLUDED ON THIS ITEM.

3. POSSIBLE WORLD CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF AID HOC WORKING PARTY WHICH BEGAN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, CONTINUED FEBRUARY 16, 17 AND ALL DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AND CONCLUDED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23. REPORT OF WORKING PARTY SUBMITTED TO SUBCOMMITTEE ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23, CONTAINS PROPOSED OBJECTIVES AND AGENDA OF CONFERENCE AS SET OUT IN UN DOC.A/AC.105/C.1/L.102 POUCHED TO IO/UNP. AFTER PRESENTING VIEWS ON NEED FOR AN UP-TO-DATE ASSESSMENT OF STATUS OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY, REPORT CONCLUDES CONFERENCE IS DESIRABLE. WHILE ALL REFERENCES TO CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES HAVE BEEN DELETED AND NO EXPLICIT REFERENCE APPEARS TO TIME FRAME FOR CONVENING CONFERENCE THERE ARE SOFT SPOTS IN REPORT AS IT NOW STANDS WHICH BEAR MONITORING, PARTICULARLY IN PARAGRAPHS 14, 15 AND 18, VIZ., QUOTE 14. THE CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO DISCUSSION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUT SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THEIR RELEVANCE TO MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT.

QUOTE 15. THE AGENDA SHOULD BE BROADENED TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES AND PERMIT DISCUSSION OF SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS AND THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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INTER-RELATIONSHIP...

QUOTE 18. THE CONFERENCE COULD PREPARE A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON ITS WORK, WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS AND GUIDANCE FOR THE FUTURE WORK OF THE UN IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE. AS APPROPRIATE, THE UNGA MAY REFLECT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS IN ITS GUIDANCE TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE FOR ITS FUTURE WORK. END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR DECISION-MAKING IN THE QUOTED PARAGRAPHS WHICH SUGGESTS THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WE SHOULD (A) SEEK EXPLICIT LANGUAGE STATING THAT THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE BUT AN INFORMATION CONFERENCE UNDER AN AUSPICES. (B) BE SURE TO KEEP ULTIMATE ROUTING OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR CONCLUSIONS IN A REVIEW LOOP THAT BRINGS THEM BACK THROUGH THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN ON THEM. ON TIMING, AUSTRIA AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES FAVOR 1980-81 TIME FRAME, SOVS FAVOR 1984 OR LATER. EXPECTATION AT THIS POINT IS THAT USSR WILL ACCEPT

1982 AS QUOTE GOOD COMPROMISE UNQUOTE, BECAUSE THAT YEAR IS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SPUTNIK-1. US EFFORT HAS BEEN TO ENCOURAGE LATER DATE RATHER THAN EARLIER, TO PERMIT ADEQUATE TIME FOR PREPARATION. IN WEEK-LONG DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT NO DELEGATION TOOK NEGATIVE POSITION ON CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH FRANCE, UK AND A FEW OTHERS AGREED WITH US VIEW NOT TO FOLLOW 1979 UNC STD TOO CLOSELY. NO LONGER A WHETHER QUESTION, ONLY WHEN.

5. DEBATE ON GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT (GSO) WAS LED OFF BY COLOMBIA (ONE HOUR) RESTATING THE ENTIRE HISTORY AND POSITION OF THAT GOVERNMENT ON THIS ISSUE. ECUADOR FULLY SUPPORTED. USSR, WE'S AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND US ALL NOTED THAT SECRETARIATE STUDY MAKES CLEAR THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC OR TECH CONFIDENTIAL

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NICAL BASIS FOR SUPPORT OF A CLAIM OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER GSO. COLOMBIA PROMISED TO CONTINUE PURSUING MATTER AT LSC IN GENEVA. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT IS LIKELY TO SHOW SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS' VIEW THAT NO S & T BASIS EXISTS TO SUPPORT EQUATORIAL CLAIMS.

6. COMMENT: WHILE ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA KEEP MAKING STATEMENTS QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE EQUATORIAL STATES UNQUOTE IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT BRAZIL OR INDONESIA SHARE THEIR POSITIONS. LATTER TWO THINK THE GSO IS SUI GENERIS AND DESERVES CONSIDERATION AS SPECIAL RESOURCE BUT NEITHER HAS CONTENTED EXTENSION OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY TO THE GSO IS LEGITIMATE OR DESIRABLE. USDEL COULD REQUEST CLARIFICATION DURING DELIBERATION ON FINAL REPORT OF JUST WHICH STATES ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA ARE EMPOWERED TO SPEAK FOR. DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON THIS TACTIC REQUESTED.

7. ON COORDINATION OF OUTER SPACE ACITIVITES WITHIN UN SYSTEM THOSE DELEGATIONS THAT SPOKE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE COORDINATION WAS A GOOD IDEA AND SHOULD CONTINUE. USDEL
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TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO AWAKEN INTEREST IN REMOTE SENSING BY POINTING OUT EXTENSIVE REFERENCES IN COORDINATION REPORT (DOC.A/AC.105/201) TO USES OF LANDSAT DATA BY ALMOST ALL UN AGENCIES AND BODIES ACTIVE IN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. USDEL NOTED THAT REGIMES OF DATA DISSEMINATION CONTROL AND PRIOR CONSENT TO USE OF INFORMATION COULD HAVE STRONG ADVERSE EFFECT ON ABILITY OF UN INSTITUTION AND AGENCIES TO CARRY OUT USEFUL AND NUMEROUS PROGRAMS. GDR OPINED THAT RESTRICTIONS ARE ONLY AIMED AT HIGH RESOLUTION DATA AND WOULD NOT ADVERSELY EFFECT ANY APRSENT OR FUTURE USES OF LANDSAT DATA, BECAUSE ALL AGREED IT WAS GLOBAL IN NATURE. DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM WAS CONCLUDED FOR CURRENT SESSION.

8. REQUESTED ACTIONS: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 6 WOULD BE APPRECIATED. LEONARD

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